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HURRICANE KATRINA

Finding relief

Texas agrees to take 50,000 more Louisiana refugees

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — The state of Texas agreed Thursday to take in three times more refugees from Hurricane Katrina than officials initially expected, bringing the total number of evacuees to at least 75,000.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry announced that 50,000 more refugees would relocate to Texas, with plans to house 25,000 each in San Antonio and Dallas. Those people would join 23,000 others who are already being sent from New Orleans to the Astrodome in Houston.

Perry declared an emergency disaster for the state, freeing up money to provide services for hurricane victims.

The hurricane "has created emergency conditions in Texas that will require all available resources of both federal and state governments to overcome," Perry said. "We will do

all we can as a state and a people to help our neighbors to the east who have lost so much."

The governor asked the state Department of Housing and Community Affairs to set aside all

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TUITION

Locked rate frets freshmen, transfers

Student's disagree with paying different price for same class

BY SARAH WHITNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Starting last year, Eastern implemented an undergraduate tuition guarantee for incoming students.

Eastern will not raise a student's tuition during enrollment at Eastern for four and a half years, depending on his or her major, for freshmen and transfer students.

This move finds Eastern five years behind Western Illinois University, which implanted an undergraduate tuition guarantee in 1999 that includes not only tuition, but also room, board and fees.

Western's program was so successful that in 2004 the university extended the tuition guarantee to its graduate students as well, said Darce Shinberger, spokeswoman for Western.

While the guarantee at first glance seems like a good initiative, there are several complications involved.

Eastern freshman Holly Gill is taking a geography class to meet her general education requirements, but several upperclassmen—who are paying approximately \$60 less than she—are also enrolled.

"I don't think it's fair that they're paying less to take the same class," Gill said. "I should be paying the same amount."

Instead of locking tuition in for freshmen, the costs should be determined by each class, with some classes being more expensive than others, Gill said.

Stephanie Anderson, freshman family and consumer sciences major, disagreed with Gill.

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Residents are rescued by helicopter from the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina Thursday in New Orleans.

Inflated gas prices ruin Labor Day plans

Katrina's fallout at the pumps dampen three-day weekend for some students

BY KYLE MAYHUGH AND BRIAN GARLTAN
STAFF REPORTERS

Soaring gas prices are hitting students in time for the first extended weekend of the semester, causing them to reconsider their itineraries.

Still, many students have decided to stick with their original plans.

Gas prices hit \$3 per gallon in Charleston today, and a record-high average across the country in

the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"Three dollars can go toward something else," said Mike Caldwell, senior recreation administration major.

Brenda Cooper, sophomore communications education major, said she was carpooling with some friends to get back to East St. Louis.

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Hurricane threats not a distant memory

It was a constant fear for Eastern's newest VP while he was living in New Orleans

BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

Daniel Nadler carried an umbrella almost everywhere he went.

Rain is not uncommon in Louisiana, where he lived and worked for 12 years. He had witnessed tropical storms including Hurricane Dennis this summer, which came along with the often hot, humid and wet climate.

"There were times where I'd close my eyes, not knowing what I'd wake up to the next morning," Nadler said.

At the end of July, Nadler moved to Charleston to take on the job as vice president for student affairs at Eastern. He has served as associate vice president for student affairs and a liberal arts and sciences instructor at Tulane University in New Orleans.

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Tuition rates

FRESHMAN / NEW TRANSFER

Tuition: \$154.10 per credit hour (in State)
Fees: \$667.65

SOPHOMORE / OLD TRANSFER

Tuition: \$137.75/credit hour (in State)
Fees: 735.65

UPPERCLASSMEN

Tuition: \$137.25/credit hour (in State)
Fees: 735.65

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Alumnus to receive presidential appointment

The White House announced Wednesday that Kenneth Prillaman will be appointed Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Homeland Security. Prillaman received his bachelor's degree and first master's degree from Eastern. He also received a second master's degree from Harvard University and a juris doctorate from George Mason University.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the University Ballroom.

Potential donors should weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be 17 years or older. Sixteen-year-olds can donate with a signed parental consent form from the Red Cross.

Library tours

Booth Library has begun giving tours for the fall semester.

The tours will run until Sept. 29 on Mondays at 6 p.m., on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Tours begin in the north entrance and run about 45 minutes.

Labor Day closing

Some offices on campus plan to close or operate with a smaller staff beginning at noon on Friday as an extension of the Labor Day Weekend. The university is encouraging people to check with offices they may have business with.



Reference librarian Stacey Knight-Davis shows a student in EIU 1111 how to find materials throughout Booth Library Thursday during a tour.

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WTF?

Cornered con escapes in cop car

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SOFIA, Bulgaria — A car thief cornered by police after a high-speed chase through the streets of Bulgaria's capital on Tuesday drew his gun on officers and managed to escape in their patrol car, police said.

The man was driving a stolen car

in a residential district of Sofia earlier on Tuesday when a police patrol spotted him and started a chase.

The action seemed to be over when the stolen vehicle struck a roadside electricity pole and police officers stepped out of their car to arrest the man.

But instead, the thief managed to

take their vehicle at gunpoint and they could only watch as he drove away.

Police said officers opened fire at the fleeing suspect and believe he might have been wounded.

Later in the day, police found the patrol car abandoned in a distant suburb, but the thief had escaped.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Champaign starts domestic partner registry

BY COURTNEY KLEMM
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN — White and silver balloons decorated the Urbana City Council chamber Wednesday as more than two dozen couples and their friends celebrated the start of Urbana's domestic partner registry.

On May 2, the Urbana City

Council voted 6-1 to approve an ordinance to create the domestic partner registry, which is available to both gay and straight couples. Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth was the driving force behind the ordinance when it was discussed and passed last spring.

"By and large, it's an amazing progressive step in the right direction," said Nicky Bennett, member of C-U at the Altar, a local group pushing for

marriage recognition for everyone. "It's really neat to see something like this happen in the Midwest."

To register as domestic partners, couples must produce a form of identification, proof of age and a fee of \$15 for a registration of domestic partner affidavit and registry maintenance. Couples are given certificates to sign and keep as a public document of their registration.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Credit/no credit request

4 p.m. | Today is the first day to submit requests to take a class on a credit/no credit basis.
Registration Office

Deadline to drop a course

4 p.m. | Today is the deadline to drop a course and receive a refund for the Fall semester. After today, students can only withdraw from a course and receive a "W."
Registration Office

ONLINE POLL

This week we asked our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school.

37% (41 votes) Nothing
25% (28 votes) The morning process
23% (26 votes) Stepping in the classroom again
14% (16 votes) Dealing with all the drunk people

Towns to set smoking laws



JAY GRABIE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eric Reed, marketing major, and Jacque Mills, family and consumer sciences major, smoke at the Uptowner Wednesday night. Illinois passed a law allowing cities to ban smoking in public establishments. "People have the right to choose what they want to do," Mills said.

Charleston has no plans, but could in the future

BY HOLIE DOHERTY
STAFF REPORTER

Charleston has no plans to set a town smoking ban, but it might be something discussed in the future.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently signed a bill that allows cities to set their own smoking laws starting Jan. 1, 2006.

"I don't think, at this point, it is the place of the city to set that kind of ban," said Charleston Mayor John Inyart.

Anna Collieran, sophomore sociology major, said she would not go to the bars for a while.

"I would rebel for as long as I could," she said.

"I don't think, at this point, it is the place of the city to set that kind of ban."

-JOHN INYART, CHARLESTON MAYOR

Manager Roger Sugrue at Panther Paw Bar and Grill said his restaurant's customers would not be pleased with a smoking ban.

Panther Paw has a ventilation system in its bar to prevent the room from smelling like an "ash tray," Sugrue said.

Only 21 Illinois cities are allowed to set their own smoking laws before this new law takes effect.

Champaign is one of those towns allowed to set smoking laws because of the Clean Air Act, said Marci Dodds, Champaign City Council member.

On Sept. 13, the Champaign City Council is going to conduct a study session to look at a possible ordinance to ban smoking in restaurants.

Several restaurants in Champaign already ban smoking within their buildings.

The Champaign City Council has no plans to ban smoking in bars.

"Bar business will decrease and restaurant business, not as much," said Alex Schmink, manager at Mattoon's Alamo Steak House and Saloon.

At Alamo Steak House there is a much smaller smoking section, with only four tables, Schmink said.

The non-smoking section is larger, he said.

Schmink said they have no complaints about the smoke and also have a great ventilation system.

Stephen Barnes is the project leader for the smoking ban in Champaign.

"Right now, it's up to the council," Barnes said.

Students from Eastern did not sound too pleased about the smoking ban.

"I would not like it if they banned smoking from the bars at all," said Kelly Vahey, sophomore elementary education major. "But knowing me, I would probably still go."

Parking tickets begin to be issued

BY JESS KINSELLA
STAFF REPORTER

Some students may be walking more due to higher gas prices, but parking violations continue to be issued on campus.

During the first week of school, students were safe unless they parked illegally.

Parking tickets were not given the first week of school in order for people to purchase their permits, said University Police Officer Art Mitchell.

Starting Aug. 29, students began finding haunting slips of paper on their car windshields saying they owe \$20 to campus police.

Michael Grenda, senior psychology major, received his first ticket for parking in an upperclassmen space on Monday.

Grenda forgot to put his permit in his windshield, he said.

To his relief, the ticket was dropped since students are allowed one improper usage, he said.

"It's not punishment; it's regulation," Mitchell said. "We have to regulate somehow."

Mitchell estimated he gave 90 tickets in a matter of two hours on Monday.

Last year, campus police issued 17,202 parking tickets.

Because officers are working 10-hour days and are constantly busy, it's hard to tell exactly how many tickets have been given this week, Mitchell said.

Students, especially freshmen, need to pay attention to the signs in parking lots, Mitchell said.

If students are not sure where to park, the police station has maps to show the proper places to park.

Hot lots for ticketing:

- ◆ S lot (by Andrews Hall)
- ◆ W lot (across from Lawson Hall)
- ◆ E lot (across from the Gregg Triad)

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COMMENTARY



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FUEL: A COSTLY CURE FOR INSOMNIA

Sometimes when I can't sleep at night, the best solution is a nice drive around town. My brilliant temporary cure for insomnia, however, is currently costing me more money than I can afford these days with gas prices on the rise.

I couldn't sleep Wednesday night, so I hopped in my 1990 teal Chevy Corsica and took off down Lincoln Avenue. There are only so many places one can drive in Charleston before hitting cornfields on all sides, so I took off toward Mattoon for a change.

Driving along Rt-16, I blared some Journey and sang along obnoxiously in an attempt to wear myself out. After about 30 minutes, I finally got tired and decided to head back home.

As I passed the exits for I-57 and then the Citgo station, "Separate Ways" seemed to fade out and a sign immediately caught my attention, "Unleaded: \$2.99." I contemplated getting gas right then and there, but I didn't feel like stopping at an ATM at 3 a.m. So I came home and went to sleep, hoping a new day would dawn and the price would go down or, at the very least, stay the same.

This morning, to my dismay, the price had risen as high as \$3.08 at some stations in town, where I usually fill up before a trip home, and I immediately regretted my decision to skip on the fill-up. If this trend continues, as many say it will, I might be in trouble this weekend. As of Thursday morning, www.illinois-gasprices.com reported that gas near my hometown was up to \$3.49.

I am heading home to the St. Louis area for Labor Day weekend. That's approximately 144 miles each way on my Corsica's measly 22 miles per gallon. That's about 13 gallons of gas. It's to put a dent in my excitement for the weekend, and enough to guarantee I won't be seeing home too many more times this semester.

And it's not the fact that I can't go home that bothers me. I just like to drive. It calms my nerves, relieves my stress and cheers me up. Now it also makes me poor, which takes away from the benefits greatly.

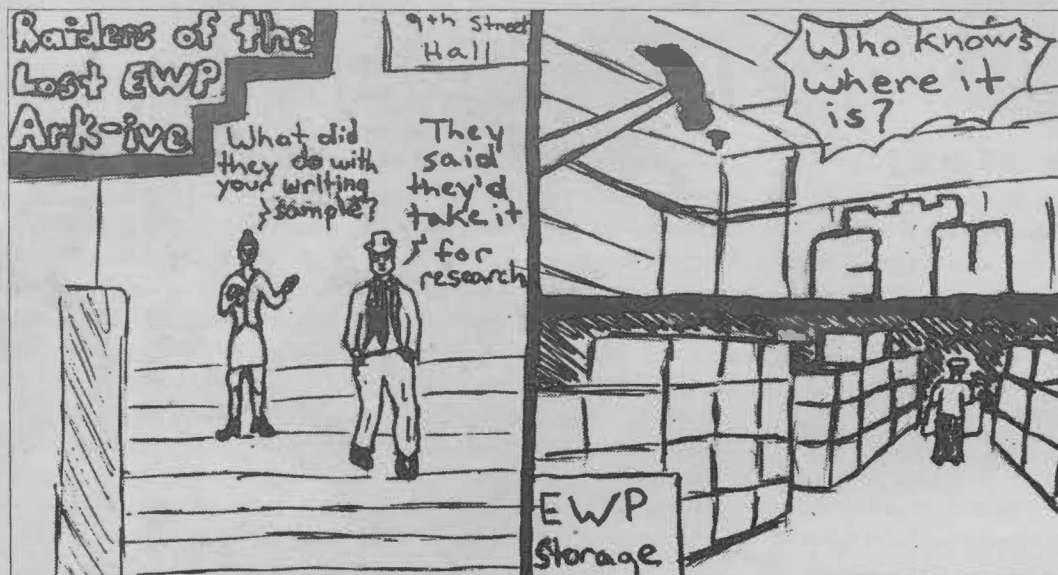
When something's bothering me and I need to clear my mind, there's almost nothing that works better than playing loud music and singing like an idiot in my car. When I'm lonely, I pop in the Beatles. To calm myself, I choose the Garden State Soundtrack. When I'm feeling sentimental, maybe a mixed CD comprised of corny love songs from the late 80s and early 90s. When I need to blow off some energy and bring up my mood, it's only the Romantics' "What I Like About You." And none of them sound better than they do in my car.

But most importantly, driving helps me get to sleep so I don't need to play catch up in class (which I haven't yet this semester).

It works for me much like a mother rocking her baby to sleep. But now, it seems I may have to look toward more conventional sleep aids: a glass of wine, some Nyquil, Valium... just to save a buck or two.

Griffith, a senior journalism major, can be reached at lmgriffith83@yahoo.com.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAN RENICK



EDITORIAL

The Entirely Worthless Project

It's funny how the bureaucracy that is education sets standards for certain things. In this case, it's pretty interesting how Eastern sets standards for "writing competency."

The school does so through the Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP), which is supposed to evaluate a student's writing throughout scholastic career at Eastern. But instead of accurately monitoring writing levels on campus, the EWP has inherent holes in the system that cause it to lose validity.

In essence, the idea of replacing the form testing system with the EWP was created so that the administrators could take what the student considers to be his best work in writing intensive classes and evaluate that work to make sure students are writing at the level they need to be.

When it was implemented over the writing competency exam last year, school administrators said that the EWP would be more effective because it was a better all-around system for gauging the status of students' writing.

At the time, it was the vice-president of academic affairs, Mary Herrington-Perry, who spoke to *The Daily Eastern News* about the switchover.

"By and large, the reason we went with the Electronic Writing Portfolio is because it is a more authentic assessment of writing ability," she said in 2004.

While that may be true when comparing the EWP to the writing

At issue

The validity of the Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP) at Eastern as a gauge for the student body's level of writing.

Our stance

The EWP could be effective but because it isn't taken all that seriously by the student body it isn't quite as accurate a look at the overall level of writing on this campus. But it is an better than the old writing competency exam that the EWP replaced last year.

competency exam that preceded it, it isn't true about the concept in general.

The EWP "is a more authentic assessment of writing ability" than the exam because it does take into account all four, or more, years of a collegiate career compared to a one-time exam that lasts only a couple of hours.

But it isn't exactly authentic because most of the submissions the program receives aren't taken all that seriously by those who submit them.

It is a lofty goal to believe that students will volunteer their best work to the EWP, but the truth is that most of the students pick whatever piece comes up first regardless of its quality. Also, students have been able to submit multiple entries during the same year, negating the importance of gauging a student's progress over time.

There is no doubting that the EWP would be a good way to judge writing standards at the university if

it was taken seriously by students, but because plenty of students think of it as a hassle, the program doesn't quite reach the level that it should.

As of right now, it seems like a lost effort to gauge the entire student body's writing level when professors do a better job of keeping track of the individual's writing status through their courses.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARKING ISSUES CAUSE EVERYDAY INCONVENIENCE

I have to disagree with the short sighted outlook of *The Daily Eastern News'* editorial board in regard to parking. In the College of Education, cars are a basic tool of our job as we have to supervise students at area public schools and then return to class, often with only a couple of minutes to spare before we teach class or attend a meeting.

A parking space is a basic tool of our job and we must be here to provide services for students. Driving around for 20-30

minutes to find a spot is not good use of our faculty and staff's time.

The number of parking spaces gained on campus is dubious at best, considering the "new math" utilized to paint a rosy picture. Those numbers do not include the parking spaces lost on Garfield Avenue where the health center used to be (20 spots at least), the 25-30 spots lost when the Tarble Arts Center entrance to the east was changed, the spaces lost along the west end of the lot at Ninth Street and Garfield Avenue (including five spots recently given to an apartment building that is not even a

part of campus) and the true number of spots lost on Seventh Street.

Take a tour around Buzzard Hall's parking area and see how many students have driven from Greek Court or their dorms to park near their classes while a space sits empty near their buildings. In effect, these students are occupying two spaces. There is absolutely no need for these students to drive to class!

THOMAS SINCLAIR
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FCS second most popular major on campus



By DEIRDRE SHAHAN
STAFF REPORTER

Although Eastern is well known for its education programs, family and consumer sciences is its second leading major.

James Painter, chair of the family and consumer sciences department, said he is thrilled to see FCS second to education.

"As chair, I am so excited," Painter said.

Painter said the majority of students enrolled in this major have an extreme yearning to help others in many different areas, especially the students concentrating in family services.

"If you look at problems today within families, you see broken homes, severe financial issues, violence and a lot of social problems," Painter said. "A lot of the students involved in this major really want to help these families, and most students are seriously concerned."

Rose Myers-Bradley, family and consumer sciences adviser, said she thinks it is great that FCS is the second leading major.

"We have always been second or third because of the variety this major has to offer," Bradley said.

Bradley is the only adviser for the school of

family and consumer sciences.

Nick Kempen, senior family and consumer sciences major, is concentrating in hospitality management and understands why the major is as popular as it is.

"I wasn't surprised when my teacher told me this was the second leading major at Eastern," Kempen said. "This is a great major to get involved in if you like working with and helping people."

Cody Facklam, junior family and consumer sciences major with a concentration in fashion merchandise, was surprised at how big the major has become.

"I think that is pretty cool, but I always thought it was a smaller major," Facklam said. Facklam also recommends this major to anyone who is undecided.

"You could do so much with this major," Facklam said. "You learn so much about society and how you can help."

Another popular area within this major is dietetics.

Painter and some students are currently working on a film similar to the movie "Super Size Me," a documentary in which a man ate only McDonald's food for 30 days and showed how

his health decreased.

Painter is doing a reverse documentary on the size of portions fast food restaurants give to their customers called "Portion Size Me."

The movie will show how eating smaller portions can help make consumers healthier.

"We still have some more work to do, but I plan to send it to ('The Oprah Winfrey Show') and maybe even 'Good Morning America' to try to get it out to the public," Painter said.

There are many hands-on activities for each concentration in this major.

For the consumer affairs concentration, students have activities to design and create material for the apparel industry.

The major consists of options for concentrations in dietetics, merchandising, hospitality management, consumer affairs and family services.

Students not only learn how to make products, but also how to sell them.

In the family service concentration, students do work that ranges from infant care to senior care.

When working with food, technical equipment or children, students learn by practicing and gaining experience, Painter said.

DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Jamie Hahn, senior family and consumer sciences major, helps 3-year-old Collin Baker with his art project in the Child Development Laboratory in Buzzard Hall Wednesday.

Habits affect new students' grade point averages

By CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

Students who sleep more and drink less are likely to have a high grade point average, according to one Eastern health education official.

A 2001 study showed students who slept nine or more hours had significantly higher GPAs than those students who slept less than six hours, said Eric Davidson, assistant director for health education and promotion.

"The whole concept of playing hard and studying hard at college is generally a myth for most people," he said.

Smoking may also correlate with a student's academic performance, Davidson said.

"Smokers are 27 percent less likely than non-smokers to have an above B grade average," he said, citing one Harvard study.

An almost endless list of factors can con-

tribute to a student's GPA, said Blair Lord, Eastern provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"A generic category of factors would be 'major life changes,' but this can cover a large number of specific situations," he said.

This category can include "changes at home, such as deaths, divorces, or serious health problems of parents or other family members, financial changes that might require the student to work more to support themselves in school, personal health problems or loss of motivation for whatever reason."

Although Eastern does not collect the average GPA of each class, administrators have concluded that most student GPAs improve over time.

"In general, over time, students come to have a reasonable understanding of what is expected by Eastern's instructors," Lord said. "They also tend to hone their study skills."

"Students do better when they are able to focus primarily on courses in their major."

"First-time freshmen always have an 'adjustment' period when starting college. Moving from home, being on their own, roommates, different study habits," said Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies at Eastern. "These all affect the outcomes of the first year GPA."

Lord found that students who transfer to Eastern tend to have similar GPAs to native students.

"In some instances they have higher GPAs," he said. "Overall, their success in completing their EUC degree programs is essentially the same as that for four-year students."

"In some ways, students occasionally put too much importance on the GPA," Lord added. "On the other hand, if one aspires to graduate-level education, the GPA will affect admissibility."

Grades and alcohol

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RHA reviews yearly budget

Apportionment Board positions remain open

BY DAVID THILL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Upcoming events and the yearly budget were items of discussion at the Residence Hall Association's second meeting of the year Thursday night.

Guest speaker Student Executive Vice President Andrew Berger discussed appointments to the Student Action Team, while Jillian Ruddy, student vice president for business affairs, discussed open positions on Apportionment Board.

"This is the students' money, so I would love to see someone from RHA on the board," Ruddy said.

One item discussed was the selling of window stickers in residence halls in exchange for donations for "Paws for a Cause." Student Body President Ryan Berger's fund raiser, which will collect money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The yearly RHA budget, which was to be voted upon, was tabled after sev-

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PETER SALVADORI,
RHA VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

eral members of RHA raised concerns about money allocated for donations and scholarships.

"The scholarships are a nifty thing once you understand how they work," said Peter Salvadori, RHA vice president of finance.

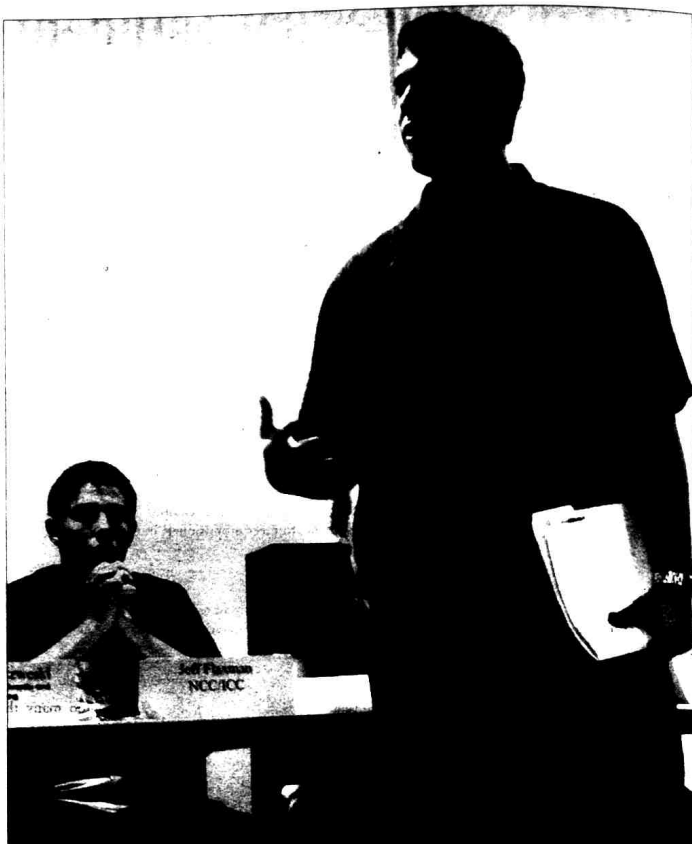
Basically, the more money that is put in each year, the more money is awarded to students each year, Salvadori said.

Accounts usually yield 6 to 8 percent interest annually, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services.

"Every year it's (the interest) cranking out more money," Hudson said. "That's why it's important to put more money in."

The budget will be discussed by individual residence hall councils and then voted upon at next week's meeting.

RHA meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Andrews Hall basement.



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Student Body Executive Vice President, Andrew Berger, speaks to hall representatives at the second Resident Hall Association meeting in Andrews Hall Thursday evening.

University tries to solve academic load computer issues

BY CRYSTAL REID
STAFF WRITER

Eastern administrators are trying to solve a problem that caused Eastern to issue an unusually high number of academic waivers.

Summer internships caused schedule conflicts for students enrolled in both regular classes and internships.

"Apparently PAWS was programmed such that if a student was enrolled in internship hours, then they could not enroll in non-internship hours, even if they remained under the overall load limit," said Community Health Adviser Julie Dietz.

This resulted in an unusual number of aca-

ademic waivers.

"There were more waivers than usual this summer," said Deb Reid, chair of the Council on Academic Affairs. "The university changed a policy over the summer, and there was an issue with students taking internship hours trying to register for classes."

The conflict only arose if the student tried to enroll in both internship and non-internship hours, Dietz said.

Reid said the university's records and registration committee had been alerted and was looking into the issue to solve it.

"At a practical level, I wrote several waivers for my students," Dietz said. "Once we figured out what was going on, we had our students register

for their classes via PAWS, and then manually added them into their internship hours, which eliminated the necessity of a waiver."

The academic load rules limit the number of hours a student can take unless a waiver is approved, allowing them to take more hours, Dietz said.

The academic load policy changed in the 2005-2006 catalog, changing the number of hours students can take in the summer sessions.

Academic load policy states that a student may enroll in no more than six non-internship hours in the summer four-week session and no more than nine in the summer six-week and summer flex eight-week sessions combined. In total, a student may enroll for as many as 12

semester hours in a summer internship course if the internship is a full-time, experience of 10 weeks or more.

"My understanding was that it was a computer programming issue rather than a problem with the academic load policy language," Dietz said.

The policy changed this summer because of revisions in the summer sessions.

"CAA revised our summer calendar before May of this year," said William Weber, assistant vice president for academic affairs. "We went from a four-week session followed by an eight-week session last summer to an eight-week session followed by two four-week sessions this summer."

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Career Services says student involvement pays off

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students have a better chance of receiving employment after college if they are involved, says Eastern's Career Services Office.

Students who are involved in on-campus organizations receive benefits such as friends, scholarships and a leg up in the career world.

"Employers definitely want to see students who are involved in either sports or activities because it shows them that these students are able to work as a team," said Bobbi Kingery, an Eastern career adviser.

Career services recommends that incoming freshmen become involved in a couple of organizations right away.

"We hope to see students in a leadership position by their junior year because when they come back for their senior year, they start the job hunt," Kingery said.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek life, gives a presentation to summer orientation groups about the importance of getting involved on campus. Dudolski's presentation focuses on all organizations and not just Greek life.

"It opens students' opportunity to meet others outside of their living environment and get connected to broader circles," Dudolski said.

Students who get involved with activities on campus and join at least one organization

have a higher retention rate to stay on campus and graduate from college.

"Students who get involved become a part of the Eastern community," said Student Body President Ryan Berger. "You become more involved in the classroom, and you get to meet new people such as administrators, other students and faculty members. When you get involved, you get a higher sense of purpose and feel that you are graduating with more than a degree."

Employers also look at leadership positions held and favor the tangible hands-on experience.

"Your involvement shows employers that you have learned skills, and that you can apply them right away," said Dudolski.

Career services emphasizes networking as one of the major advantages of being involved in campus organizations. Networking is when an organization has connections outside of the campus that allow students to meet professionals in their field. Career services estimates almost 60 percent to 70 percent of jobs are not posted externally.

"If an individual is interested in a company and an Eastern alum works for them, we are able to introduce that student and it gives them an advantage," Kingery said. "Networking is a really great benefit of being involved."

A negative to getting involved is getting over involved. Students who get involved in



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Angela Reed, senior elementary education major, pulls rubber duckies from a kiddie pool at the Residence Hall Association table at PantherPaloza last year. PantherPaloza is held each year in the quad to introduce students to different organizations.

too many things may let their grades slip and run into trouble, Kingery said. Employers would rather hire a student with

a GPA between 3.0 and 3.5 who is involved in select activities than a student with a 4.0 who never left the room.

STUDENT SENATE

Nearly half of members newly appointed, excited for new year

By DAVID THILL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Almost half of Student Senate's positions were filled by appointment at its first meeting of the semester Wednesday night.

Thirteen new Student Senate members in all were sworn in, and Student Senate Speaker Adam Howell said he is optimistic about the new senate members.

"I have honestly never been so optimistic as I am this year," Howell said. "We have such a good group of good people."

Howell said he could not see any character flaws in the group of new senate members. He also said character is very important.

"As with any person in a leadership posi-

tion, character is everything," he said. "How we're seen as a group is reflected in how they act as individuals."

New senate member Isaac Sandidge reflected the same feelings as Howell.

"I think the student body is in able hands," Sandidge said. "It seems like a great group of people."

Sandidge said it means a lot to him to have been selected as one of the new senate members.

"I feel really honored," he said.

"It's a lot of responsibility. They picked me to bring something and I don't want to let anyone down."



ADAM HOWELL
STUDENT SENATE
SPEAKER

"I have honestly never been so optimistic as I am this year."

New senate members are expected to carry out the same tasks as already appointed or elected senate members, Howell said. There are nine committees on which members can serve, and each member is required to serve on at least one.

However, just doing what is required of them may not be enough for Howell.

"I like (members) to be visible," he said. "I expect them to stand up and be leaders."

New senate member Sherri Smith said last year she was

unaware there even was a student government on campus. That is something she said

she would like to change.

"This seems like a really, really nice and responsible group of people," Smith said. "It's a strong group, and I think they are ready to go out and talk to students and be there for students."

Smith said having knowledge of Student Government is important for students.

"Student Government makes changes," she said. "I think Student Government is up there with school work as far as the need to know about."

Smith said it's an honor to be appointed to senate out of so many applicants.

"It will help me understand more about Eastern's campus," she said. "This is a new experience and such an honor."

Eastern has ————— a yearbook?

The Warbler yearbook has been an annual tradition at Eastern since 1919. It is the main record of the events that happen every year on campus.

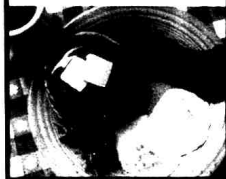
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Going Greek: Recruitment starts next week

BY KATIA CROW
STAFF REPORTER

Members of Eastern's Greek organizations are gearing up for this year's rush.

Fraternity and sorority members have been busy since the start of the school year trying to gain interest in their organizations.

One popular way of attracting possible new members this year is for current members to wear clothing with their letters on them.

"We've been wearing our letters a lot," said Anne Weber, sophomore elementary education major and member of Alpha Phi. "We're trying to get Alpha Phi out there and get it known."

Another way to attract possible members that is especially popular among fraternities is to post fliers across campus advertising events.

These events are usually just casual get-togeth-

ers where people who are interested in rushing can learn more about a particular group. These fliers frequently advertise games or free food.

Sororities and fraternities have also been out on the streets to get people interested in their rushes and their organizations, Weber said.

"When we see a bunch of freshmen, we go talk to them," Weber said. "We ask them if they are rushing and tell them that rush is a great experience."

* Members are also working inside their organizations to prepare for rush. Many groups have been holding mock rushes, even teaming up with other sororities and fraternities to make sure they know how rush will go.

Members have also been brushing up on facts and history about their fraternity or sorority to make sure they are able to answer any questions that a potential member may have.

"We just talk about what we sororities do. We tell people all the cool things Greeks do."

ASHLEY, GAMMA CHI MEMBER

Another group getting ready for rush is this year's group of Gamma Chi. Gamma Chi are members of sororities who disaffiliate from their organization and become neutral representatives of Greek Life prior to and throughout the rush process.

On the final day of rush they are able to reveal their full identities, including what sorority they belong to.

While sorority members are busy going over the facts of their individual groups, Gamma Chi are busy going to meetings and learning about every sorority on campus.

"We have to learn everything about each sorority and go to all of the meetings," said Kristen, a Gamma Chi.

Kristen could not be fully named due to the Gamma Chi process.

The meetings Gamma Chi go to are required because the women go over the process of rush and information about every sorority.

"We have to be unbiased and neutral," said Ashley, a Gamma Chi. "We tell them good things about each sorority and answer any questions they may have."

The main focus of the Gamma Chis, along with other sorority and fraternity members on campus, is to get people interested in Greek Life and get them to rush.

"We just talk a lot about what we sororities do," Ashley said. "We tell people about all the cool things Greeks do."

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22 Words of warning.

24 Opera part.

27 Fabric pattern.

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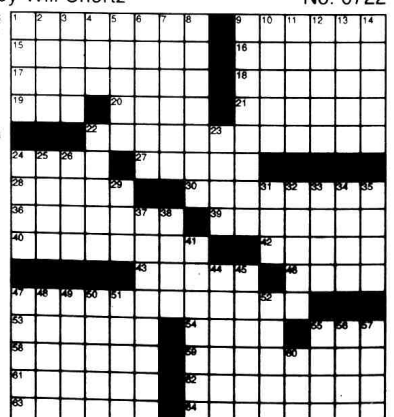
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48 Infant (pampered child).

49 Elevators?

50 Drones, e.g.

51 Editorialize.

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56 Cambodian capital.

57 "Maureen" singer.

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think everyone is in that boat," she said, pointing at next year she will be paying less for a class than freshman classmates.

The university does not track numbers of freshmen enrollment in upper-level classes or upperclassmen who are in lower-level classes, but it does happen quite a bit, said Eastern's Department for Planning and Institutional Studies.

John Holder, junior psychology major, transferred from Lewis and Clark Community this fall and was appointed as a Student Senate member. He will get 120 per credit hour more to take the same classes than other junior psychology majors are taking. "I don't feel that it's ridiculous," Holder said about the difference between his cost per credit hour and that of his classmates. "Just because (transfer students) start our academic year here, why can't we pay the same rate?"

Holder chose to attend Eastern because it is cheaper, closer to home and had the best psychology department. He said he views the tuition increase as an incoming freshman's as an even trade-off and finds some consolation in the fact that his tuition is locked in.

Holder has not heard any grumblings from students who might be in the same class and paying two different rates, said Western spokesperson John Maguire. Eastern President Lou Hencken said that yes, it's not fair that some students are paying more for the same education but life in general is not fair.

Right now if you're a senior, you've seen your tuition go up four years," he said. "If you're a freshman or a transfer student, you will not see your tuition go up next year." Maguire and Holder both compared tuition prices to airline rates—in that the cost varies by seat.

It was cheaper four years ago to be educated than it is now," said State Representative Chapin Rose. "But it's going to be that way for every freshman class. By the time you're a senior, you're going to be happy to get that price increase you're going to be looking at the freshmen's cost."

While Holder, Gill and Anderson's tuition rates will increase next year, Eastern does not guarantee that housing costs and fees won't increase. This year, freshmen pay \$68 dollars more in fees than incoming students.

And if the state does not increase funding for higher education, the chance of raised fees is more likely.

This only works if the state of Illinois continues to provide money," Hencken said about the tuition guarantee. As each year progresses, more students will be guaranteed the tuition lock-in price. But the university costs keep rising, Hencken said, listing the cost of gas and utilities as examples.

Therefore, if the state doesn't increase funding—something it hasn't done for the past four years, as reported in Sept. 1 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*—Eastern has to find funds elsewhere or cut costs.

But Western, the university where Eastern got the idea to implement the tuition guarantees, has not experienced any problems that would make them reconsider the guarantee, Shinberger said.

It was something that we decided to continue making money and really, budget-wise, we haven't had to take anything from anything," she said. "We just budget well."

New Orleans descending into anarchy

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NATIONAL BRIEFS



NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans descended into anarchy Thursday as corpses lay abandoned in street medians, fights and fires broke out, cops turned in their badges and the governor declared war on looters who have made the city a menacing landscape of disorder and fear.

"They have M-16s and they're locked and loaded," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said of 300 National Guard troops who landed in New Orleans fresh from duty in Iraq. "These troops know how to shoot and kill, and they are more than willing to do so, and I expect they will."

Four days after Hurricane Katrina roared in with a devastating blow that inflicted potentially thousands of deaths, the fear, anger and violence mounted Thursday.

"I'm not sure I'm going to get out of here alive," said Canadian tourist Larry Mittel, who handed a reporter his business card in case he goes missing. "I'm scared of riots. I'm scared of the locals. We might get caught in the crossfire."

Boeing Machinists vote to strike

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. machinists voted Thursday to strike as union members overwhelmingly rejected a three-year contract proposal their leaders had deemed "insulting."

Union members voted 86 percent in favor of a strike beginning at 12:01 a.m. local time Friday. Under union rules, the contract would have been automatically ratified and workers would have stayed on the job unless two-thirds of the union members voted to strike.

Illinois schools told to accept hurricane refugees

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STATE BRIEF



SPRINGFIELD — Families who escape the destruction of Hurricane Katrina by moving to Illinois will be able to send their children to school here, officials said Thursday, and the state Corrections Department made arrangements to send supplies to Louisiana prisons.

The State Board of Education said schools already have begun asking what to do with Gulf Coast children taking refuge in Illinois. The answer: Consider them homeless, which

means they can enroll in school without meeting residency requirements.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich also has ordered the Public Health Department to waive the normal requirement that children prove they have been vaccinated before starting school.

"These children deserve to go to school, where they can learn and just be kids," Blagojevich said in a statement.

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vacant low-income housing units for refugees. So far, 7,000 units have been reserved for hurricane victims.

A shelter is being created in San Antonio in a huge warehouse at KellyUSA, a city-owned complex that once was home to an Air Force base. In Dallas, the refugees will go

to Reunion Arena, the former home of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks.

"Whatever we are called upon to do ... we intend to welcome these people with open arms and to try to give them some dignity which these circumstances have taken away from them," San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger said.

Perry, who agreed to Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco's request Wednesday to take

in the evacuees, said Texas naturally wants to help its neighbor.

"I think we all understand it's by the grace of God that this terrible tragedy didn't come ashore a few hundred miles west," Perry said. "And knowing such a catastrophe could have happened here, I think Texans have a very special bond between our neighbors to the east who are going through an absolutely unbelievable ordeal at this point in time."

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Now in his fourth week at Eastern, Nadler said he is stunned by the news of Hurricane Katrina's destruction.

"Most of what we're hearing is most like what everyone else is, from the news," Nadler said. "The painful experience is being here and not knowing how I can help."

There has been great difficulty in communicating with colleagues and friends in Louisiana because most electricity is out of service, he said.

"This is a situation that many have feared

for a very long time," Nadler said.

Nadler said he and his wife own a house a few miles outside of the New Orleans city limits.

He quickly added that none of his family's personal possessions were left behind.

"Even if the house has been destroyed, we have not lost our home," he said.

Eastern President Lou Hencken sympathized with Nadler and the people directly affected by the hurricane.

"It's just devastating," he said. "We're very concerned about Dan. I know this must be extremely difficult for him."

Within the past two days, Nadler and stu-

dents have talked about ways to help hurricane victims.

"The question is 'what do they need?'" Nadler said. "In the long run, many of them are going to need everything. They're not going to have electricity, drinking water or any of those things we take for granted."

One philosophy Nadler said he has learned is to really enjoy what he has.

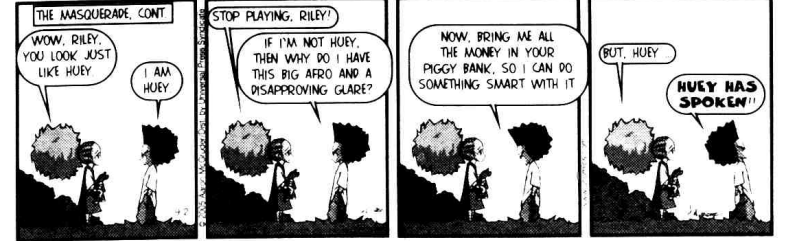
"I think it's often we get caught up in what we want," he said.

"When you're going through these crises certainly shows how important planning is," Nadler also said. "You plan for the worst and hope it doesn't happen."

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There will be eight people in two cars," she said.

Dani Legut, freshman elementary education major, is going to Carbondale for the weekend. She said the trip will cost her \$72 for a round-trip train ticket. A trip from Charleston to Cook County, where about one-quarter of Eastern students live, averages 180 miles one way. At an average of 25 miles per gallon and current gas prices, that trip would cost \$43.20.

Suburban Express, a bus company that runs weekend service between Chicago and Eastern, is experiencing a spike in ticket sales beyond a normal Labor Day weekend.

"It would be difficult to say it is because of gas prices, but there has definitely been a rise in ticket sales," said Dennis Toeppin, owner of the Suburban Express.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said he had not heard of a large number of students planning to stay in Charleston over the weekend.

Hudson said this weekend is a "consolidated weekend" in which residence hall services such as dining halls combined with some areas being closed for the weekend.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshmen coaches highlight matchup

Eastern's Tim Nowak and Loyola's Frank Mateus meet for first time

BY MAIT DANIELS
STAFF REPORTER

A pair of first-year head coaches will square off Sunday in Chicago as Eastern takes on Loyola.

Under the direction of Tim Nowak, the Panthers head into the match at 1-1. Loyola is 0-1 after an opening 3-0 loss to Xavier last Friday.

Loyola head coach Frank Mateus said the long lay-off from competition will not affect his team much.

"We've had a good week of training," he said. "Hopefully the week off will not hurt us that bad."

The Ramblers were picked to finish sixth out of eight teams in the preseason conference poll.

Two years removed from being a participant in the NCAA College Cup, Loyola is looking for another successful year, and Mateus feels Eastern will be a solid challenge.

"We have a tough task ahead of us," he said. "We're looking forward to the matchup with Eastern."

One factor both teams have to deal with is a change of venue for Sunday's match.

The match is moved from Loyola's Soccer Park, which is closed for new turf installation, to Loyola Academy's

West Campus in Glenview, Ill.

Mateus said that the home-field advantage for Loyola is now gone.

"This becomes more of a neutral site for us," he said. "We're moving from turf to grass and we've practiced on turf mostly."

Nowak said he does not think the switch of venues will affect his team.

"As long as the corners on the field are square and the ball is round, we'll be ready."

Senior goalkeeper Tiffany Groene believes that playing on grass instead of turf will be helpful for the Panthers.

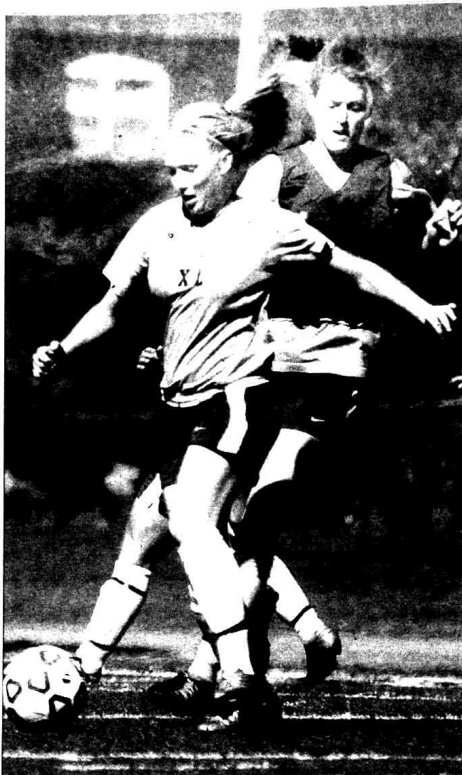
"It will probably help us more since we're used to playing and practicing on grass," Groene said. "The game is a little more faster on the turf."

Nowak is pleased with the way the team has rebounded this week from its 4-0 loss to UT-EP last Sunday.

"(Practice) has gone really well so far," Nowak said. "We're doing things in training to highlight finishing more."

Groene is confident going into this weekend.

"The energy level has been up at practice after a tough loss this past weekend," Groene said.



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Freshman midfielder Lindsay Wilkening steals the ball away from sophomore forward Michelle Steinhan during practice Thursday afternoon. The Panthers will travel to Loyola this weekend in hopes of improving upon this season's 1-1 record.

MEN'S SOCCER

Excitement stirs as new year begins

Panthers start off on the road

BY PATRICK VITT
STAFF REPORTER

Practice makes perfect, but nothing replaces the rush of competition at the start of a new season.

The Panthers are scheduled to leave the practice field and begin the 2005 men's soccer season in the Nike Classic at Wisconsin-Green Bay this weekend. Eastern is scheduled to open the regular season facing the host team and follow up with Bowling Green.

Panthers head coach Adam Howarth appreciates the value and experience that comes with exhibition games but knows it does not replace the value of regular season reps.

"It has been good. We have had quite a few exhibition games, and we were doing a lot of rotating of players and trying to figure out the best people for the right spots," Howarth said. "Obviously when it gets down to crunch time this weekend we are not going to play as many people as we have been playing."

The Panthers did not play either team last season but have played them in past seasons posting a winning 11-5-2 record against UW-Green Bay. On the contrary, Bowling Green has won both of its meetings with the Panthers.

However, past records and achievements do not matter in the present. Howarth believes each team will start with a clean slate and the opportunity for a strong season.

"It is always important to get off to a good start. We are not going to get too excited if we do well, and we can't be too disappointed if we don't," Howarth said. "It is 0-0 now. Everybody is in the same boat. We will take each game at a time and learn from it, and hopefully by the end of the season we will be playing our best soccer."

The festivities begin Saturday at noon at Phoenix Field in Green Bay.

CROSS COUNTRY

Hawkeye Open is Eastern's first stop of season

BY DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

The Eastern cross country team is preparing for its first meet of the season at the Hawkeye Open at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Most of the cross country runners are year-round athletes who also compete in the indoor and outdoor track seasons. Junior Nathan Pepper expressed a sense of excitement amongst the Panthers as they prepare to start the new season.

"Everyone's looking forward to it," Pepper said. "We're just looking forward to getting our season going. This is something to get our season started."

Junior Jake Stout's opinion coincides with that of his teammate.

"I think everyone's just excited to compete," Stout said. "Even though I

can't compete, it will be exciting just to watch my team."

This meet holds little significance for the Panthers other than the chance to compete. While sports such as soccer, football and basketball all depend on making every single game count in order to improve a team's record, smaller meets hold little meaning other than to give athletes practice and competition on different courses, Eastern head coach Geoff Masanet said.

"The thing with these early-season meets is that you have to put them into perspective," Masanet said. "We're going there to put the race in the books and get some experience. Looking at meets overall, this is a very unimportant meet."

The Hawkeye Open does hold some meaning for the Panthers, how-

ever. This year's regional qualifying meet is being held at Iowa this year.

By running the Hawkeye Open, the Panthers will already be familiar with the course and this will give Eastern an advantage over other teams later this season, Masanet said.

"The main reason for running this meet is to take a look at the course," Masanet said. "Most of the other teams won't have experience on this course so we'll have a slight edge over that."

The athletes also recognize this advantage. The Panthers hesitated to compete there but were drawn in by the late-season advantage.

"Any time you know the course, it's a big advantage," Stout said. "We weren't going to run this meet this year until we found out that regionals is being held there."

Hawkeye Open field

- ◆ DePaul
- ◆ Illinois
- ◆ Iowa
- ◆ Loyola
- ◆ Northern Iowa
- ◆ Wayne State

While the Panthers may have an edge over the competition, it is only mental as of now. Physically, the course will still pose some opposition, Pepper said.

"I think it helps your performance mentally," Pepper said. "That will give you an advantage over the other teams that haven't ran yet, but physically it will still be tough."

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20 passing for 158 yards, 2 touchdowns and, most importantly, zero interceptions. He also carried the ball twice for 67 yards.

Despite the lack of game experience, Donato said pre-game jitters weren't a problem.

"The guys have been behind me since the spring, so my confidence level was there," Donato said. "We've got the best offensive line in the Ohio Valley Conference, so that makes me feel more comfortable."

The offensive line certainly was a factor, as the Sycamore defense failed to record a sack.

On the first Eastern possession, Donato completed both of his passes, including a 17-yard touchdown strike to junior receiver Charlie Owens. A third completion on the drive was called back after an Eastern penalty.

Donato's first half as a starter was solid, completing 8 of 14 passes for 93 yards and one touchdown. Donato also set up a Panther field goal in the second quarter when a sharp cut back to the strong-side of the field resulted in a 44-yard gain.

Donato found the end zone again on the first Panther possession of the second half. The Panthers took eight plays to march 86 yards down the field.

The drive was capped when Donato found Owens on a slant,

hitting the receiver in stride on a pass that split a pair of Sycamore defenders.

During the drive, Donato again was perfect, hitting junior split end Ryan Voss twice before reconnecting with Owens on a 40-yard touchdown pass.

Voss said the offense as a complete unit had to do what they could to make Donato more comfortable.

"He's basically the only newcomer we've got out there," Voss said. "So playing with guys who are experienced all around him hopefully helps him out."

The Panther defense did their part to help shoulder the rookie quarterback's load.

Junior strong safety Tristan Burge found the end zone when he picked off Indiana State senior quarterback Blayne Baggett and ran 70 yards for the touchdown.

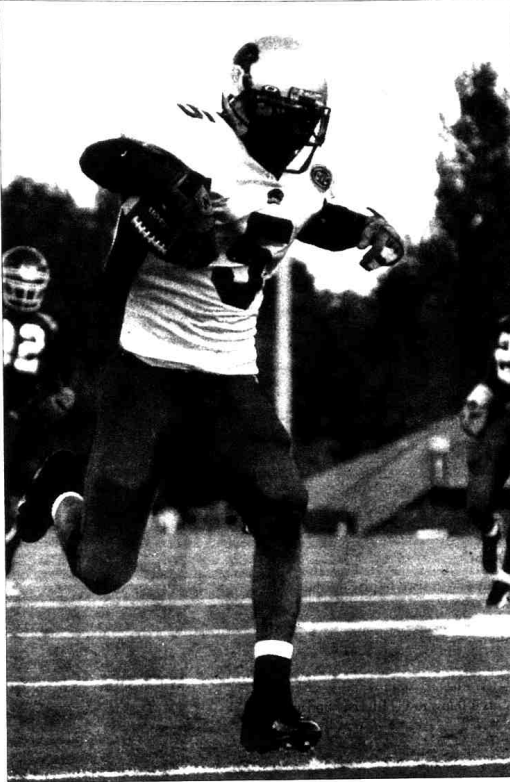
In total, the Panther defense had three interceptions and one fumble recovery, which Burge also grabbed.

Junior cornerback Ben Brown said Donato's play didn't surprise him one bit.

"I love Donato," he said. "He throws against us every day in practice, so we knew he could make tough throws."

Voss said Donato's performance Thursday might just be the start of something bigger.

"He played great tonight," he said. "If he keeps playing like that, we're going to be pretty tough."



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior wide receiver Charles Owens runs in a 17-yard touchdown pass putting the Panthers up 7-0 in the first quarter at Indiana State Thursday.

Game breakdown					
24 Eastern Illinois (1-0)	@	13 Indiana State (0-1)			
		1	2	3	4 - FINAL
FTD		7	3	14	0 - 24
ISU		0	10	3	0 - 13
EU - ISU					
FIRST DOWNS					
RUSHING YDS					
PASSING YDS					
PLAYS/YARDS					
PASS ATTC/COMP					
FUMBLE/LOSS					
PUNTS/N/A/B/E/P/A/V/G					
PUNT RETURNS/AVG					
TIME OF POSSESSION					
PASSING					
EU: Donato 12-20, 158 yards, 2 TD, 0 int.					
ISU: Baggett 12-24, 260 yards, 1 TD, 3 int.					
RUSHING (TOP 2)					
EU: Webb 14 carries, 71 yards, 0 TD, Donato 2 carries, 67 yards, 0 TD					
ISU: Forte 12 carries, 64 yards, 0 TD, Sample 10 carries, 69 yards, 0 TD					
RECEIVING (TOP 3)					
EU: Voss 5 rec, 64 yards, 0 TD, Owens 4 rec, 69 yards, 1 TD, Dahal 3 carries, 19 yards, 0 TD					
ISU: Petrowski 6 rec, 75 yards, 0 TD, Logan 5 rec, 19 yards, 0 TD, Berman 3 rec, 10 yards, 0 TD					
TACKLES (TOP 5)					
EU: Seymour 10, Smith 10, Cleveland 9, Sellers 8, ... Kelly 8, ... B.J. Brown 7					
ISU: JAMES 10, ... MITCHELL 9, ... PRICE 8, ... THREE PLAYERS TIED					
SACKS					
EU: 0					
ISU: 0					
INTERCEPTIONS					
EU: Burge 1, ... Sellers 1, ... Thomas 1					
ISU: 0					
SCORING					
1ST: 11:47 EU - Donato 12 of 20, 158 yards, 2 TD, 0 int.					
2ND: 10:20 ISU - Baggett 12 of 24, 260 yards, 1 TD, 3 int.					
3RD: 8:06 EU - Burge 1 of 1, 67 yards, 0 TD, 0 int.					
4TH: No score					

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only a field goal for the final 23 minutes of the game to preserve the win. The last time eastern held an opponent under 14 points on the road was in 2001 during its 38-10 win at Florida Atlantic. Eastern (1-0) started the fun on the opening kick off as Burge ran it back 52 yards to give the panthers solid field position inside sycamore territory.

Donato lead a near perfect opening drive that led to Eastern putting the first points on the board.

"I thought that of all the unknown, Mike played poise and had an exceptional ball game," Eastern offensive coordinator Mark Huson said.

The sophomore from Broadview found Owens on a swing pass for a 17-yard touch down. The Panthers fastest receiver went untouched past two ISU defenders to put eastern up 7-0 early in the first quarter.

Indiana State failed to answer quickly due to Eastern's ability to win the field position battle early. Both of Eastern's rugby-style punts Senior Tom Schofield made were down inside the 10.

"I told Tom that was an all-star performance," Eastern

special teams coordinator Tom Choate said. "He was unbelievable."

Once the Sycamores had an opportunity to start a drive beyond its own 20; they put a dent on the scoreboard.

ISU's spread offense that had Baggett in the shotgun utilized several short passes and draws to march down the field. The 15-play, 70-yard drive ended when Eastern held on a 3rd and 10.

Indiana State cut the deficit to 7-3 after senior All-American kicker Kyle Hooper split the uprights on a 25-yarder. Momentum shifted to the host's side when Baggett completed a 35-yard touchdown pass to tight end Mike Beste to tie the score at 10 heading into the locker room.

The Panthers had multiple opportunities to lead after the first 30 minutes but a pair of drops and a fumble by junior split end Ryan Voss immediately ended that hope for Eastern.

"With all the mistakes and turnovers we all thought we could have been up by two touchdowns at least," Donato said. Eastern will next play Brigham Young on Sept. 10 at Provo, Utah and on the same day Indiana State will host NAIA St. Francis.

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tion and junior corner back Ben Brown forcing opposing quarterbacks to think twice about throwing to their favorite targets.

Now that the two-a-day workouts have given way to classes, it's time for the players to show that all their work this summer translates to performance.

And it began Thursday.

The first Panther to touch the ball, junior strong safety Tristan Burge took the opening kick-off, bounced off a few tacklers while spinning away from others during a 49-yard kick-off return.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Donato, with all of three collegiate snaps under center, led Eastern on six play, 48-yard scoring drive, completing a swing pass to junior wide receiver

er Charles Owens. Owens took the pass 17 yards for Eastern's first touchdown of 2005.

Then the Panther defense yielded just one first-down on the opening Sycamore possession.

While there's a lot of football left for the Panthers this year, for one series Thursday night in Eastern's 24-13 win, both the offense and the defense gave Panther fans at Memorial Stadium something to be excited about.

The preparation planted 10 months and 11 days ago sprouted Thursday night.

The results were two series of dominance.

Dan Woike, a senior journalism major, ran out of funny things to write about this week. Tell him you understand they can't all be winners at woikedaily@hotmail.com

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M Soccer vs Bowling Green

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DAN WOIKE
SPORTS WRITER

Football mediocrity no longer

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—It's been 10 months and 11 days since the Eastern football team took the field to play a game. Closing a frustrating season on Nov. 20 with a 28-14 win at Samford, the Panthers have had plenty of time to prepare for hursday night's opener at Indiana State.

Head coach Bob Spoo said he's ready to take the field for his 19th year; defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said he's "chomping at the bit."

And Panther fans should be excited too — but why?

After all, this is a team that has gone 9-14 the last two seasons; a team that hasn't had a winning record in the Ohio Valley Conference since Tony Romo was taking snaps in Charleston.

But this team is different.

Spoo said adjustments with the coaching personnel, like adding special teams coordinator Jeff Cloutier, haven't affected the coaches' chemistry.

But games aren't won on the sidelines solely; it takes players committed to doing their jobs on the field.

And there's evidence this group of players is ready to sacrifice. While most Eastern students had their summer's filled with Corona days and Heineken nights (at least the ones I know), the Panther football team was running routes, studying game film and working towards an ultimate goal of doing more than just improving — they want to be champions. Spoo said more of his players stayed in Charleston for summer workouts than in any other year.

And that's why the coaches are excited.

Instead of longing for the days of Romo, Panther fans need to get excited about the talent currently wearing blue and silver uniforms in Charleston (not just Panther talent currently wear blue-and-silver in Texas).

Junior running back Vincent Webb and junior split end Ryan Voss have all-OVC talent. Both were members of the preseason all-OVC team. The defense has the type of balance to be special — with senior defensive end Kory Lothe beginning his NFL audi-

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENER: EASTERN 24, INDIANA STATE 13

Big plays, bigger win



DANNY WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior wide receiver Ryan Voss is brought down near the Indiana State 20 yard line Thursday at Memorial Stadium in Terre Haute, Ind.

Donato's strong start solves quarterback situation

BY DANIEL WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Sophomore quarterback Mike Donato had only been under center for three plays in his short Panther career. It's something Eastern head coach Bob Spoo frequently pointed

out leading up to the Panthers' 2005 opener at Indiana State Thursday night.

But instead of resembling a nervous, unsure rookie, Donato calmly led the Panthers to a 24-13 victory, giving Eastern its first victory over Indiana State since 2003.

"There were really some question

marks coming into this thing," Spoo said. "And, quarterback definitely was one of them."

"Our quarterback question isn't a question mark."

Donato finished his first night as a starter with strong numbers — 12-

Victory marked by ISU errors, Panthers' strong third quarter

BY MATT STEVENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Two big plays within three minutes decided the contest. Eastern made them while Indiana State watched them.

The Panthers won its first road opener since 2001 in a 24-13 victory over Indiana State Thursday. With the score tied at 10, Eastern quarterback Mike Donato hit junior wide receiver Charles Owens on a perfectly timed 40 yard slant route to the end zone that gave the Panthers a lead they'd never relinquish.

"It was a timing route with them playing cover two," Donato said. "Charles was there, made a big catch and a big run."

Donato ended the game with 225 total yards (158 passing, 67 rushing) and a pair of touchdowns through the air. The next drive by Indiana state (0-1) sealed the game as quarter back Blaine Baggett pass was intercepted by junior safety Tristan Burge and taken for six points the other way making the score 24-10.

"I thought Tristan would have a bigger impact earlier on defense," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "At half time I got in his face and let him know he needed to step up."

Eastern was able to hold ISU to

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WOMEN'S RUGBY

Focus remains in house even with unfamiliar foe

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF WRITER

Going into Saturday's season opener against Wisconsin, Eastern women's rugby coach Frank Graziano is more concerned with his team than the opposition.

"To be honest, we really don't know a lot about Wisconsin," Graziano said. "I'm more concerned with how we're going to play rather than game-planning for the Badgers. I'm sure as the game goes on we'll adjust, but we need to worry about ourselves first and foremost."

Saturday's home game will mark the first-ever meeting between the two schools, which worries Graziano to an

extent. He said he has been looking up information about Wisconsin on the Internet but has only found small tidbits of what type of team they are.

Through two weeks of practice, Graziano likes what he sees but knows his team is still growing and learning together in hopes of what will be another dominant season. Even though the Panthers will go into the game without last year's standout Nikki Ponce, Graziano is confident that the two freshmen and sophomore transfers will help alleviate the loss.

"Our freshmen have had a great preseason with (Samantha) Manto and (Molly) Clutter really coming along quicker than I thought," Graziano said. "And with the addition

"We're too good to be working out the kinks of a season opener."

FRANK GRAZIANO, RUGBY COACH

of Jaki Brophy, I don't we're going to miss a beat."

Graziano said that Manto will play the first half at wing, while Clutter will take over in the second half. He also expects Brophy, who is a sophomore transfer student from Canada, to play a half at hooker.

The three newcomers will join the 10 returning seniors led by Jamie Buetzow, Brittany Brown, Allegra

Hoopingartner and Stephanie Rasmussen. This season, Graziano will count on his experienced group of seniors more than ever.

"They are the heart and soul of our team," he said. "Our seniors want to finish this season on a high note, and they know this is their chance for redemption this year."

Although Saturday's opponent is a virtual unknown, Graziano wants to see his team play in November mode, clicking on all cylinders.

"I know it's a lot to ask for, but I want to see us come right out of the gate and play with a November intensity," Graziano said. "We're too good to be working out the kinks of a season opener."

Battle of the sexes:

How about this for a twisted sociology experiment. See what happens when the Verge throws two writers in houses with multiple members of the opposite sex. Actually they signed their leases months ago, but the results are still good for a laugh.

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"The Brothers Grimm":

So these two brothers go around duping people in the French countryside in an homage to multiple fairy tales directed by Monty Python alum Terry Gilliam.

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Toga! Toga!:

Greek rush is just around the corner. For those involved, here's a handy guide on what to wear. For those who are not, learn about the do's and don'ts of gaucho pants in "Style Snapshot."

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It's good to have

Friends: With Friends and Co. closed for renovations, The Mad Hatter's Tea steps up as Charleston's leading bar in the live music department. The Verge sees how the two stack up.

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Working world:

Odds are you will leave Eastern in debt. So you better get a job, you bum. To help you in your job search, we dive into the two classes of student employees in Charleston: those employed by the university and those who venture away from the safety of Eastern's campus.

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Budget crunch

The college life
costs a bundle
for those who don't
have a fiscal plan

With a lack of life for several college students, credit cards, dining out frequently and alcohol-fueled weekends help students dig their way deeper into debt.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DANIEL WILLIAMS/ON THE VERGE

By CARRIE HOLLIS • STAFF REPORTER

On average, a student will graduate college \$2,700 in debt, not including student loans, which means many need a lesson in budgeting their money.

"The biggest problem is students overusing their credit card," said Stephanie Ogle, Financial Health Coordinator.

About 80 percent of students have a credit card. This problem with credit card debt is

mostly due to the fact that students are making unnecessary purchases and not realizing that a credit card is real money, Ogle said.

THE LIST

The verge has spent many an hour composing this list of Eastern's power players. It's like Forbes' list, only more cost-effective.

Lou Hencken *Eastern president*

When it comes to Eastern, Lou is the man. Hencken attends all types of campus events and always wears a suit, tie and a smile. President Lou will walk around campus and freely chat with students. Not to mention, he's a pretty important fellow.

Blair Lord *vice president of academic affairs*

Lord is often seen walking around campus with Hencken and is also extremely friendly to students. Lord is the smooth-talking VP that helps President Hencken keep Eastern running.

Mark Hudson *director of housing and dining*

Mark Hudson is even campus resident's buddy. He keeps Housing and Dining in check, taking care of thousands of Eastern students and making campus life as pleasant as can be.

Ken Baker *director of campus recreation*

Baker spends a lot of time at the student recreation center and spends time with students. Many a student has been entertained by Baker's stories as an NFL referee. He keeps the rec worth going to.

Ceci Brinker *director of student life*

Brinker is in the Student Life office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union very often and works with students every day. She also attends and advises Student Senate meetings, and stays from start to finish.

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LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOYS
MEGAN JUERNER
CAMPUS EDITOR

Sometimes I feel like John Rittér. No, no, not dead. I feel like him in the aspect, that I am trying to grapple with the fact that I live with two girls. And it is strange, to be sure.

I grew up in a house with three generations of women: my mother, sister and niece. That being said, living with women is not completely unfamiliar to me. However, living with two girls in their early 20s is like being spun around in circles and made to walk a fine, confusing, disorienting and ever a bit nauseating.

I would like to think of myself as a fairly enlightened individual, but nothing on this Earth can prepare a young man for the first time he walks into the bathroom to take a nice, innocent shower and finds panties on the floor, hair in the drain and Lord help me, female hygienic devices waiting for him next to the toilet.

And I can only dread what it will be like once the two of them begin to menstruate in unison. I can see it now—I will walk through the door and a sudden shiver runs up my spine. Then I realize that I left the toilet seat up and prepare for the scolding that will ensue. And might I add, if you fail to do the dishes and you live with two women, they will let you hear about it at great length every time they get the chance.

But it isn't all bad. It's merely a learning experience. Being a young man living with young women is just a bit of sexual culture shock. You can't get away with the same jokes as you can with a male roommate, expelling gas for entertainment purposes loses a bit in translation to women and walking around in your boxers is a bit unnerving at first.

It could always be much worse. I could be in their shoes having to put up with me.

Last year, I signed a 12-month lease with three guys. Before any judgments are passed, I am not the type of girl who enjoys hanging around girls all the time. In all honesty, I just get along better with guys.

I spent a great deal of the summer contemplating how this situation was to pan out and after three weeks in my new living conditions, the complaints are few and far between, however...

The first question people ask me is, "Aren't they sloppy?"

My response, "Yep."

Dirt dishes. Empty beer cans. Toothpaste in the sink. But without completely downgrading the opposite sex, I have been told that I am obsessive-compulsive about being clean, so I won't knock them for that.

I lived with two different girls my first two years of college. My sophomore year, I lived in an apartment complex with creepy back stairs, which made me feel uncomfortable on late-night walks home from the newsroom or the late night party.

A positive is the protection comfort level. Living with three guys makes me feel very secure. I have three guys to talk to about my problems, three guys to take care of and three guys to care about.

I have told them that I feel like we are just a small dysfunctional family.


We eat dinner together, watch television together and go out together.

But the boys, as I call them, are so much different than girls.

They are not as sensitive, they are not as understanding and they don't pick up on hints I drop them.

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Making a big splash



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"Aqua Teen Hunger Force" leads a lineup of adult-themed cartoons that times up with Anime shows in Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim" nightly block programming, which has a loyal following among college students.

College students take a dip in animation for adults

BY SEYMILLER
STAFF REPORTER

When most college students say the words "Adult Swim" they are not talking about an adult's time in the pool, they are talking about Cartoon Network's popular line-up of anime and mature cartoons almost every night of the week.

The shows on "Adult Swim" are aimed at adults and are popular with college students for many reasons including the smart, dirty humor students say they can relate to.

"Adult Swim" runs Saturday through Thursday starting at 10 p.m. On Saturday, the block consists mainly of anime shows like "Inuyasha" and "Full Metal Alchemist." Sunday consists almost entirely of comedy shows, including popular fan favorites such as "Family Guy" and "Futurama." According to www.adultswim.com, one of the highest rated shows on "Adult Swim" is "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

The "Aqua Teens" are three food products living in a run-down house in New Jersey. The main characters are Master Shake, a big, lazy milk shake,

Frylock, a giant container of fries with the ability to shoot laser beams from his eyes and Meatwad, a giant, slimy meatball.

Whenever they're not bothering their neighbor Carl, a fat, dirty, New Jersey native who loves fast cars and easy women, they are dealing with threats from villains like the Mooninites: two-dimensional aliens from the moon who commit crimes on Earth like shoplifting and arson.

Another popular show on Adult Swim is "Harvey Birdman: Attorney at Law." Harvey was once a Hanna-Barbera superhero who was forced to follow a career as a lawyer, defending other more famous cartoon characters. In one episode, he defended Shaggy and Scooby Doo after they got arrested for smoking marijuana.

One reason students tune in is to unwind in the evening hours.

"It's something that you can enjoy and it's one way to relax at the end of the day," said Richard Hunt, sophomore computer information systems major.

The shows on "Adult Swim"

use off-the-wall humor to get laughs.

One particular episode of "Aqua Teen" deals with Meatwad and Carl becoming addicted to candy after listening to music of kid rapper Emcee Pee Pants. Viewers later find out that Meatwad and Carl are part of a subliminal messaging trick by Emcee Pee Pants who is actually an insane eight-foot spider wearing a diaper. The spider uses Meatwad and Carl's sugar-filled blood to power a drill that will burrow straight to hell and unleash demons to run a global diet pill pyramid scheme.

Another factor that viewers enjoy is the quantity of dirty and politically incorrect jokes.

"(Adult Swim) is not afraid to break the rules a little bit and it strays from your average comedy TV show," said Tim Mailhot, a freshman secondary education major.

Some students have their own theories on why the shows are so popular.

"You can relate to that network; you really can't relate to any other network," said freshman Mike Medick. "(The creators) really know the people who watch."

REVIEW

The good, the bad and the Grimm

BY MICHAEL PETERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Director Terry Gilliam's "The Brothers Grimm," is entertaining but tragically flawed.

The film does start with an interesting premise: two brothers, William (Matt Damon) and Jake (Heath Ledger) Grimm, are con artists who roam the 1700s German countryside to create and destroy mythical creatures with the aid of fellow criminals.

Unfortunately, things go horribly wrong when French officials catch onto their game and apprehend them. Will and Jake are given two options: to help the French find another group of con men who are stirring up trouble in a small village, or be killed. The two brothers reluctantly agree to help.

The movie pays tribute to many fairy-tales ranging from "Little Red Riding Hood" to "Jack and the Beanstalk."

When the two brothers were children, Jake went on a mission to sell the family cow so the family could afford a doctor for Jake and Will's sister. But upon his return, the family found that he sold the cow for "magic beans" instead.

"The Brothers Grimm" doesn't have a set target audience. A lot of the humor and predictability of the movie seems to be aimed at younger children, but at the same time some frightening scenes and violence appear to be more geared toward mature viewers.

In one scene, a French soldier displays the severed heads of two of the brothers' companions to scare them. It's a strangely gory scene to have in a movie that is



★★★ out of

"The Brothers Grimm"
Rated PG-13
Directed by Terry Gilliam

essentially about fairy-tales.

The best part of the movie is the impressive chemistry and performances by Damon and Ledger. Their acting was convincing, and the fact that I actually cared about these two mismatched brothers was the only thing that held my attention for most of the movie.

Until I saw "The Brothers Grimm," I must admit to not thinking very positively of Ledger as an actor. I saw him in "10 Things I Hate About You" and wasn't impressed. He was so-so in "The Patriot," and I didn't even bother to see "A Knight's Tale" or "The Order." But after seeing "The Brothers Grimm" it seems to me that I may have judged too harshly.

In all, "The Brothers Grimm" isn't a bad movie; it just isn't a good one. If you want to see a good Terry Gilliam movie, I would suggest renting "12 Monkeys" instead.

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Less is more

Advisers know the ups and downs of dropping class

By BRIAN O'MALLEY
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR

Reasons why students drop classes

- Advisers at the Academic Advising Center
- They are taking
- Bad attendance
- The course is too advanced
- Emergency or illness
- Enrolled in too many courses
- Change of major
- Feeling they won't be successful

Four advisers from the Academic Advising Center at Ninth Street Hall have put together a list of common reasons students drop classes and effects it has on both students and teachers.

Advisers Greg Avdr, Debbie Barker, Lora Green and Julie Sterling have information and tips for students on managing class schedules and choosing when, if ever, to drop classes.

"They need to know the details," Sterling said. "They need to look at the big picture."

The advisers said dropping courses is a good idea when a student drops the class before the add period ends, allowing another student to enroll.

Some negative impacts of dropping courses include the possibility of financial aid or insurance coverage to be reduced or discontinued. Athletic eligibility may not be completed, prerequisite requirements may not be completed and too many drops could lead to a negative perception of one's work ethic and academic ability, Sterling said.

Monica Ziegler, assistant director

for academic advising, said that most academic advisers have similar philosophies when it comes to students dropping classes.

"We want to help make the right decisions," Ziegler said.

"We want them to know that it's not just what that's going to do for their major, but what it's going to do for their career."

Avdr said there are a large number of students that will drop a class throughout the course of a semester.

"Each individual situation and circumstance is different," he said.

The advisers recommend that students talk to academic advisers, financial aid advisers, professors and their family support system before making a decision to drop a class or not.

The schedule for deadlines of adds and withdrawals can be found at www.cnu.edu/~registra/facal.html.

BUDGET

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In order to easily keep track of where and when a student is spending his or her money, Elizabeth Salvato, union manager of the First Mid-Illinois Bank, suggests using online banking.

"Just like e-mail, you can check it quickly and visually see your statements," Salvato said.

Ogle and Salvato agree that students should also budget their money as a plan of action to avoid debt. According to a booklet put out by the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, a budget is "a plan for the most effective use of your income. It defines your expected expenses and the income you have available to pay them."

The booklet suggests that expenses such as food, utilities, transportation, housing, personal expenses, loan or debt payments and savings should all be accounted for in a budget.

Most students have had either a summer job, a steady job throughout the semester, or they take a semester off to make more money. Students are using their income as their everyday spending money.

"I try not to spend it on fast food," said Michelle Dini, senior secondary education major. "A lot is on beer and going out. Summer money is for tuition and rent, and the money I make at my job here at school is for going out and some bills."

In a survey of 500 students, forty-four percent of students, both those with and without jobs, have money sent to them by their parents. And through Panther Transfer at First-Mid Bank, parents can control how much money is in a student's account.

"Parent's can transfer money monthly or weekly, kind of like a paycheck," Salvato said.

Where does all the money go?

Along with a weekly or monthly budget, many students have a set idea of how much they

62% of students believe it is cheaper to live on campus

17% of students believe it is cheaper to live off campus

21% of students believe it is about the same

Of those students, 51% lived on campus and 49% lived off campus

55% of male students spend over \$10 on weekdays on fast food

28% of female students spend over \$10 on weekdays on fast food

81% of students had a job that kept a steady money flow

98% of students have money saved from a summer job

WATCHING SPENDING

THE PLAN: On average, male students plan on spending \$25-30 a weekend
THE REALITY: On average, male students actually spend \$35-45 a weekend

THE PLAN: On average, female students plan on spending \$15-20 a weekend

THE REALITY: On average, female students actually spend \$10-15 a weekend

For both male and female students, 70% of their weekend money is spent on alcohol, 12% on food, and 2% on gas

Freshmen spend an average of \$25 a weekend

Sophomores spend an average of \$28 a weekend

Juniors spend an average of \$32 a weekend

Seniors spend an average of \$30 a weekend

Results from a Verge survey of 500 Eastern students

want to spend in a weekend. Students believe that one of the weekends they spend the most money is on the first weekend back at school.

"That weekend has the most parties of the year, so a lot of money is spent. People also have to stock up on food and beer too," said Mike Wollney, junior physical education major.

The most money spent on the weekend is spent on alcohol and mostly at the bars.

"At least a good third of my job money goes to spending on plastic cups and handles of Jack Daniels," said Darius Jutzi, sophomore English major.

After a night of drinking, students get the late-night munchies. About 15 percent of a student's weekend budget is spent on fast food, such as Jimmy John's, Chubbies or La Bamba's.

But students' money is not strictly spent on the weekend aspects of life. Some students who live off campus pay for different living expenses such as housing, utilities, gas and food.

"I think living on campus is better because house rent is high,

utilities are cheaper, and you can also get financial aid for housing," Ogle said. "Plus, you don't have to worry about when bills are due."

Students who live on campus do have to pay for things such as a parking permit, laundry and occasionally outside dining when they are tired of the residence hall food.

Also, students who are involved in activities on campus, such as those in the Greek community, often find themselves spending more. The survey concluded that students in fraternities spend over \$200 more annually than male students who are not Greek, and those in sororities spend over \$315 more than female students who are not.

"If I know I have an upcoming expense as far as the sorority, I'll prepare in the summer and work more and save more money," said Tara Coghlan, senior sociology major.

Students who have money troubles or questions regarding budgeting their money can contact Ogle to participate in a peer education program at the Student Services Building.



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Sorority styles

Sisters explain rush fashion

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF REPORTER

As formal recruitment for Eastern sororities approaches, both Greeks and potential new members are modifying their wardrobes to prepare for rush.

LETTING OUT YOUR LETTERS

People might notice an abundance of sorority girls donning Greek letters on T-shirts and tote bags lately and wearing jackets in 80 and 90-degree weather.

During recruitment season, getting each sorority's letters seen all over campus is as important as getting new members to wear them, said Jenny Becker, junior elementary education major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

The girls will do this until recruitment begins. During recruitment, the girls have designated outfits set for each night.

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Recruitment fashion doesn't stop at girls who have already "gone Greek." Many potential new members are gearing themselves up for recruitment.

Hollie Smith, a junior journalism major, plans on going through this semester. She says a concern of hers is, "I just don't know what to wear."

In a time where fashion rules all, the most daring fashion risk today can become next week's gaucho pants. Potential new members have to make the decision whether to be just another pretty face or to make themselves stand out.

The three rounds of recruitment over a four-day long fashion roller coaster will include four different outfits and four

chances to make a statement about one's personality.

"During the first and second rounds, the girls usually wear skirts or capris, but no jeans," said Tabitha Swain, a senior elementary education major and vice president of membership for Sigma Kappa sorority.

Swain said first round tends to be a little dressier than second round; because, during the second round there are philanthropy activities, and it's best to try and be slightly more comfortable.

Tara Coghlan, senior sociology major and member of the formal recruitment committee, said there is a link on the EIU Greek Life Web site through the Panhellenic Council which shows photos of women wearing suggested attire for each round of recruitment, for girls who need a little guidance.

The photos show girls wearing casual skirts, blouses and sweaters for round one; capris and a polo shirt for round two; and

a black cocktail dress for preference night, which is a more formal, intimate event.

"Girls are told to dress up (for preference night)," Swain said.

Gamma Chi's, girls who have

unaffiliated themselves with their respective houses to lead the new girls through recruitment, can also offer wardrobe pointers, said Lauren Jasin, junior special education major and member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

But recruitment is not all about the clothes. It's more about being yourself and finding where you fit in, Jasin said.

"It's a good opportunity to showcase your personality," Swain said.

Jasin remembers her experience going through recruitment.

"I wasn't trying to stand out or blend," she said. "I wanted people to notice who I was rather than what I was wearing."

Frat guys don't dress to impress

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF REPORTER

When it comes to certain aspects of life, from personal problems to hygiene, there is a stereotype that then have it easier than women.

When it comes to Greek recruitment fashion, they're right.

During fraternity recruitment, clothes don't make the man, according to Brandon Schweers, a junior communication studies major and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

This is true for both current members and potential new ones.

"When we have recruitment, we just tell the guys to wear their letters. It's no big deal, not like in sororities," Schweers said. "They're told what to wear each night, and

with guys it's a lot more informal and relaxed."

Attire isn't a huge factor in choosing new fraternity brothers, he said.

A.J. Laporte, a senior marketing major and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha

Fraternity remembers what he wore during recruitment as a new member.

"When I rushed, I wore a T-shirt and a pair of jeans," LaPorte said. "But I knew people in the house already."

LaPorte said if he had not known anyone in the house he might have put more effort into his appearance and "switched to a polo."

"Dressing nicely and appropriately says you are serious and not just in (rush) for superficial reasons," he said. "How you dress isn't your personality. Anyone can wear a clown suit and still be a rock star."

STYLE SNAPSHOT

GROUCHING ABOUT GAUCHO

A cloud of frump from 1970 has crept up on 2005 casting a dark shadow over former fashionistas and causing an abundance of faux pas.

Gaucho pants have made a return.

Flowing skirts, fitted tees and beaded necklaces make it safe to confirm that Bohemian is in, but can we at least draw a line at this bounty of fabric?

Whether worn in a daytime ensemble or as evening apparel, gaucho pants are a reflection of a total style abandonment by the other-

wise fashion conscientious.

But, when practicality and function outweigh appropriateness and style in importance, and the simplicities of sweat pants no longer suffice, why not throw in the towel entirely and slip into a muu muu or burlap sack?



Though this latest inclination has me fearing that black hosiery with white pumps is not too far behind, I will remain optimistic that rationale will triumph reckless creativity and the next trend heavily stocked in stores and soon



to be followed by the masses will be a milder statement: argyle — a classic is always chic.

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Stacking up to 'Friends'

Local music fans react to venue ownership change

By Matt Poli
STAFF REPORTER

The Fuzz's first performance of the semester Saturday at the Madhatter's Tea rather than Friends & Co. left the band with mixed feelings about the change of venue.

While Friends had a power amplifier (P.A.) and a stage, Madhatter's provided fans with an intimate setting and more space to dance.

"There's no substitute for Friends, but Hatter's did a good job; I had a good time," said Christopher Shulte, senior recreation administration major.

Even though the power repeatedly went out during a portion of their performance, the band was able to finish their set after switching power outlets.

Guitarist Dave Campbell said it was frustrating to lose power in the middle of a song, but there was nothing that could be done about it.

"There was a lot of reverb and echo at Hatter's whereas Friends was set up better with the P.A.," Campbell said.

Campbell said it doesn't matter where he plays, just as long as he can play good music.

On the other hand, bassist/guitarist Chris

DeRosa said he preferred Friends & Co.

"Friends had a stage, so people weren't spilling beer all over our equipment," DeRosa said.

Friends is designed to host live music whereas Madhatter's is set up as a bar, he added.

Guitarist/bassist Brian Adams and drummer Jimmy Wallwin agreed that Friends has better sound and atmosphere.

"[Friends] had a more intimate setting with the stage," Wallwin said.

Also, Friends & Co. allowed The Fuzz more time to play, often letting shows last four to five hours.

Madhatter's only allowed the band to play from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

"(Friends) let us play till 1 a.m. even later sometimes," Adams said.

As far as which venue has the friendliest atmosphere, it seems to be a coin flip.

"Normally I'd say Friends is friendlier, but people at Hatter's treated us with a lot of respect," Campbell said.

NIGHT LIFE

Insomniac DJ spins into Champaign

By Ashley Poynter
DAILY ILLINOIS (CHICAGO)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN - Disc jockeys in the Champaign area looking for current music and quality equipment will soon have a new outlet.

A new DJ specialty store, Insomniac DJ, 71 Chester St., Champaign, is to open its doors to the public Saturday at 9 a.m., featuring industry representatives from Pioneer and Numark to demonstrate equipment live.

Justin Bennett, owner of Insomniac DJ, said the store will offer products such as turntable needles and headphones in addition to an upscale atmosphere for DJs to network.

Rows of vinyl, a selection of DJ T-shirts and a showroom of the "latest and greatest in video and nightclub technology" will provide essentials and top-of-the-line equipment for the innovative DJ, Bennett said.

"It's not going to be racks of music," Bennett said. "You're going to have enough room to relax and look around and get what you want."

Insomniac DJ will offer listening stations for sampling music that include house, hip-hop, R&B, reggae, reggaeton, Latin and music by local artists, Bennett said.

Bennett, who has worked as a DJ nationwide, said he decided that now is the time to open this store.

"We realized that there's so much talent here and so much talent coming through Champaign, especially with the University," said Sharon Bennett, Justin Bennett's wife. "There's not really anything here for DJs."

Justin Bennett, who's 9-year career has been influenced by Chicago house music, is aiming to offer a selection to DJs of all kinds, not just club DJs. Bennett has worked with local venues like Nargile and Tracks Sportsbar & Nightclub. He has also worked at anniversaries and birthday parties.

Formerly an engineer in Hawaii for two years, Bennett said he moved back to Illinois 10 months ago to open Insomniac DJ and be his own boss.

"Justin is passionate about DJ'ing—that's pretty much what he lives for," said Sharon Bennett.

The Insomniac DJ Web site, which Justin Bennett said should be completed next week, will offer another channel for people to buy products, especially DJ equipment. Eventually, the store will offer educational seminars, DJ equipment rental and repair services.

Brendan Clark, senior in Engineering and local DJ, said he supports any new stores geared towards DJs because it is often hard to find local and affordable equipment and gear.

"Over the past few years, I think (the DJ) culture has grown in this campus area," Clark said. "The music scenes that are acclimated towards DJs are growing. I think local retail stores in that vein will do well."

It's got a nice ring to it

Ring tones keep getting better

By Matt Poli
STAFF REPORTER

Ring tones have come a long way since the bland, monophonic ones that sounded from the first cell phones.

As the popularity of cell phones has increased and cell phone technology has evolved, so have ring tones—so much so that users can hear actual songs coming from their mobile devices.

"Real tones" are ring tones that replicate noises realistically or actually are recordings of real sounds, according to www.polyphonicringtone.co.uk/faq.htm, a Web site that provides certain customers with certain cell

phones the option to purchase ring tones and real tones.

The site has a long list of monophonic tones (the Nokia ring), polyphonic tones (the Cingular ring) and real tones (actual songs).

Tyler Terrones, a senior communications major, has "On The Road Again" by Willie Nelson for his ringer.

Terrones said he just went to the Sprint PCS Web site and downloaded the song to his phone for just a couple of dollars.

"I've had this ringer for over a year now; it's a part of me," Terrones said.

Nicole Wisniewski, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said she has grouped her friends with specific ring tones.

"My phone plays 'Everyone Get Tippy' by J-Kwon whenever anyone from Eastern calls," Wisniewski said.

She said when one of her friends from Chicago calls, her phone plays the Temptations' "Heard It Through The Grapevine."

"Cingular even gave me free Christmas ringtones when I bought my phone in December," she added.

Cell phone ringers aren't limited only to ringtones.

Don Adams, regional manager of Charleston Cingular, said people download quotes from their favorite movies and use those as ringers.

"People have sound bytes from Napoleon Dynamite as their ringers," Adams said.

"The most popular ring tones tend to keep up with popular trends in music."

Adams himself has "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osborne on his phone.

Ring tones aren't limited to alerting cell phone users that someone is calling either.

Ring back tones, which are available for certain phones by Verizon Wireless, allow a person to hear music instead of the usual ringing noise when they make a call to a friend.

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Where there's smoke, there's a reason

Students talk about the social habit

By Seth Miller
STAFF REPORTER

Almost everybody at Eastern knows someone who smokes, or at the very least has seen smokers while walking around campus.

Despite all the information people know about smoking, like the dangers of lung cancer, nicotine and secondhand smoke, a lot of people still smoke or return to smoking after trying to quit.

In this modern age, there are different types of cigarettes available, from filtered or unfiltered to regular or menthol.

According to Eastern policy, smokers are only allowed to smoke in designated areas that are all outside. Also, because the football stadium is crowded, no one is allowed to smoke in the stadium.

While some smokers are more into social smoking, others feel that they don't have to be smoking to be social.

"If someone lights up, I'm not going to light up right away, it's just when I feel like it," said Greg Hruby, senior business management major.

Despite many advances in entertainment such as video games, DVDs, various MP3



CARRIE HOLLIS/ON THE VERGE

Students sit outside to smoke near Coleman Hall Wednesday afternoon, one of many places Eastern students take a smoke break in between classes.

devices and computers, some people simply enjoy just heading outside with a cigarette.

Professors are also seen smoking on campus. Angela Vietto, assistant English professor, has been smoking since April of last year. She began smoking after taking over Professor Marty Scott's American Literature class after he passed away last year.

"I don't think I overestimate how much of a role model I am," Vietto said. "But I think when you see a lot of faculty smoking,

you might think 'oh it's not that big a deal,' but it certainly is."

Most smokers have made attempts at quitting. Eric Davidson, the associate director of University Health Services, thinks the best way to quit is the approach presented by the American Lung Association, which is a cold turkey method.

"If you need a sensation, this is the best fine, but the sensation aides do not work by themselves," Davidson said.

Colorado students hooked on hookahs

By Margaret Canty
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIANS

FORT COLLINS, Colo.—Sweet smoke rises from a group of giggling students huddled around a hookah. This international social trend has gained popularity among college students as a safer and more exotic alternative to smoking cigarettes.

Hookahs are large pipes originally smoked during prayer in India. They are set up with a base filled with water, connected to a hose and topped with a bowl packed with shisha, a sticky, molasses-based tobacco with a sweet flavor.

John Adams, from the smoking specialty store High Country, said hookahs have recently been gaining popularity, particularly among the 18-to-25-year-old age group.

"There are so many types of people who buy hookahs," Adams said. "We have a lot of repeat customers. Everyone is really liking them."

Colorado State University students are taking advantage of the hookah craze.

"I am buying a hookah tonight," said Brandon Hale, a freshman business major. "It helped me meet everyone on my floor, and it's a legal way to relax."

Residence Hall Assistant Chris Lindstrom, a junior history education major, said he has no problem with his residents smoking out of a hookah, as long as they are not smoking inside the halls.

"Hookah does not have as bad a connotation as cigarettes," Lindstrom said. "Cigarettes are associated with cancer, but hookahs aren't, at least in people's minds. They're very social."

Although smoking shisha out of a hookah is perfectly legal on and off campus, Adams speculates hookahs are being used for other things as well.

"Generally we'll get a call that kids are using one [hookah], and we'll swing by and see if we can smell marijuana or see residue. If they are, they are subject to the marijuana laws," Beery said. "If not, we'll be on our way."

Adams said the price of a hookah ranges from \$30 to \$300 depending on the type. The cheaper ones are usually brass and have only one hose, whereas the most expensive are glass and can have intricate patterns and multiple hoses.

"I bought a hookah for college because my friends and I got hooked on the hookah this summer," said Sam Krey, freshman open option major. "It's smoother and easier to smoke than other things. It's just the hookah."

Another enticing aspect of shisha smoking for some is the wide variety of flavors, ranging from coffee to rose to melon and strawberry, costing around \$5 a container, Adams said.

"There should be a hookah bar in Fort Collins," said Christy Oliver, a freshman business major. "They'd make a ton of money."

"Hookah is a bonding experience," said Dan Kramer, a freshman health and exercise science major. "It brings the hall together. It's a great ice breaker."

Dining service nuts about allergies

By Laura Griffith
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Most students are aware of their food allergies by the time they hit college, but unlabeled food in the dining centers on campus could pose a risk for those who aren't.

Although the risk isn't necessarily a serious one, Panther Dining Services plans to start labeling some of the foods that contain problem allergens such as chocolate and peanuts, said Jody Horn, director of dining services. The labels will appear on the sneeze guards sometime this fall, Horn said.

Currently, because the foods aren't labeled at all, students with severe allergies are encouraged to inquire about the ingredients at Panther Dining Services. Asking the student workers won't help, because they don't necessarily know, Horn said.

Dining service employees are not trained to deal with allergic reactions, but are told to call 911 if there is an emergency.

The foods available at the dining halls are chosen according to nutritional value, color, texture



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Karyn Berg, a senior family and consumer science major, adds ingredients to a custom-made deli sandwich in Thurston Hall Dining Center Wednesday afternoon.

and variety, Horn said. They also need to be within dining services' budget.

Dining services works with some students with special dining needs, especially those on campus, to make sure they have

enough foods they can eat.

Approximately two students or per year come to dining services to work out a dining schedule so they can be served the food they need.

"Our staff tries to make a special

effort," Horn said.

If a student does ingest a food that causes a reaction, Health Services is prepared to administer injectables or provide the student with topical creams such as hydrocortisone or Benadryl, during their hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

"We've got everything we would need here," said Nita Shrader, administrative nurse.

The most common reactions are rashes, which can be taken care of at home with topical creams, Shrader said. Patients should seek medical help if rashes get worse or don't improve at all within three to four days. An improvement in the itching and swelling of a rash should be visible after 48 hours of administering the cream(s).

More serious allergens, such as peanuts, can cause a patient to go into anaphylactic shock, stop breathing and even die, Shrader said. Health Services has epinephrine and oxygen on hand to stabilize a patient until an ambulance arrives to drive him or her to Arapahoe Lincoln Health Center.

ON-CAMPUS OFF-CAMPUS

Working for a living

Students find jobs on and off campus to pay the bills



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Jessie Borton, junior pre-business major, swipes a card in the Thomas Hall Dining Center Wednesday during lunch. Borton has worked the swipe counter for three years on campus and enjoys the convenience of the on-campus job.



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Amir Pruthi, a clerk at Positively Fourth Street Records, rings up a poster for a customer Wednesday evening.

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With fall semester in full force, many students are feeling the need for a little extra pocket money to cover the expenses associated with college life.

Students can find jobs either on campus or off campus.

According to Lorraine Baker, office systems assistant III, each semester 2,500 students on average work on campus. Besides seeking jobs on their own, students can either find employment through the campus program or through the Federal Work-Study program.

"The Federal Work-Study program is a government program that provides on-campus employment to students that show financial need," Baker said. "This year we have placed over 500 students in jobs through the Work-Study Program."

The Work-Study Program is part of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are given a list of different jobs available on campus and are asked to mark their top three options. The Financial Aid Office then places the student in the appropriate job according to their choices and the students' skills and interests, Baker said.

The Student Employment Office is another option stu-

dents have to find employment both on and off campus.

"We list all the jobs available on a bulletin board in our office as well as the Eastern Web site," Baker said. "Students are also free to go to different places on campus to find work because certain departments have their own application."

The bulk of students find employment in Eastern's housing and dining services.

Approximately 760 students took this route.

Jennifer Ralston, senior family and consumer science major and four-year employee at Taylor Hall dining center, enjoys working on campus because it allows her to meet other students as well as provides flexibility.

"Since the supervisors are students, they understand how it is juggling work and school," Ralston said. "If you have to work and have a meeting scheduled, they work around your schedule instead of forcing you to work."

Ralston thinks the only downfall to working in the dining hall comes from a select few students that are rude to workers.

"Students are usually polite, but there are some that are extremely disrespectful," Ralston said. "They don't realize that we aren't the ones who make the rules; we just follow them."

Working off campus is an alternative for students.

Many local businesses have employed Eastern students as full and part-time workers.

The local Subway's staff consists of only one non-Eastern student, while the rest are graduate or undergraduate students here. Graduate student Brigid O'Malley has been employed at Subway for two years now and prefers her off-campus job at Subway to her experience working at Carman Hall dining center and as a night assistant.

"I like working here much better because of the pay, and there are more hours available," O'Malley said. "They also give students the opportunity to move up in the chain and take on management positions."

Positively Fourth Street Records' staff is mainly Lakeland and Eastern students too. Jordan Lindenmeyer, senior finance major and Fourth Street employee, enjoys working off campus because of the quiet environment and fun atmosphere.

"It is less hectic," Lindenmeyer said. "I like the staff too."

Lindenmeyer's co-worker, Kacey Haddox, sophomore psychology major, would much rather be working off campus even though she has to drive.

"Working here is so much fun," Haddox said. "Being off-campus gets you into the community more rather than working on campus where you only see college students."